



Excellence in English language training since 1955

## Complete Course Guide



## Welcome to St Giles International



The first St Giles centre was founded in London in 1955 by Paul and Diana Lindsay. Still family run, the organisation has grown internationally and now includes 7 year-round centres and 5 summer schools in England, the USA, Canada and Brazil. Every year approximately 10,000 students from more than 90 different countries\* choose St Giles for their language learning needs.

St Giles is committed to:

- providing high quality courses for international students and trainee teachers in a learner-centred environment focusing on the students' real and practical aspirations
- offering a wide range of student support services of the highest quality to enable our students to enjoy their courses to the full

Mark Lindsay, Managing Director

Mark Lindsay directs and supervises the work of St Giles International. He was the founder of St Giles London Central in 1987 and has 25 years' senior management experience in the ELT profession. He is also a present member of the Board of English UK.

(\*Statistics base, compiled between 2007-2008)

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## The Advantages of St Giles

- Winner of Language Travel Magazine Star Awards English Language School 2006, and nominated again in 2007 and 2008
- More than 50 years' experience
- Competitive fees and accommodation (we run an annual price check of major competitors)
- Attractive locations
- Our staff are trained to focus on a friendly, flexible, and efficient service
- We are committed to the continuous monitoring and improvement of services. St Giles has its own internal assessment scheme and quality management system
- Modern and updated equipment and resources – all centres offer wireless internet, computer centres, film projectors, interactive whiteboards and libraries with personal DVD players
- Wide choice of accommodation – homestay, residence halls and hotels
- Cafés with free internet access; Wi-Fi in all colleges
- Active social events and excursion programmes
- High teaching standards – we only employ certified teachers who are carefully selected and extensively briefed
- Our teachers are trained to offer learner-centred teaching, focusing on your needs and your aims. All centres have a teacher development programme and sponsor teachers to improve their training



# Complete Course Guide

An important part of our service is the wide range of choice we offer students.

Choose from centres based in top ELT destinations worldwide, and a selection of courses to suit all ages, levels and budgets.



## United Kingdom



Brighton  
Canterbury  
Eastbourne  
London Central  
London Highgate  
Kingston (London)  
Nottingham  
Oxford  
Southampton  
San Francisco  
Vancouver  
Campinas

	Brighton	Canterbury	Eastbourne	London Central	London Highgate	Kingston (London)	Nottingham	Oxford	Southampton	San Francisco	Vancouver	Campinas
<b>General English Courses</b>												
Full-day Intensive (28 lessons per week)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Half-day Intensive (20 lessons per week)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Afternoon Economy (15 lessons per week)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
General English (22 lessons per week)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
General English full/part-time	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
General English one-to-one	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Examination Preparation Courses</b>												
Cambridge (20/28 lessons per week)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
TOEFL (20/28 lessons per week)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
IELTS (20/28 lessons per week)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
TOEIC (28 lessons per week)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Academic Year Courses</b>												
International Semester Courses (ISC)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
University Foundation Business Course	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
ISC Pathway Programme	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Platinum Courses</b>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>English for Special Purposes</b>												
English for Beginners	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
English for Business	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
English for Tourism	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
English plus Work Experience	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
English for Art and Design	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Special Vacation Courses</b>												
St Giles Experience Courses	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Thirty-Plus	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Junior Summer Camps	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Teacher Training Courses</b>												
CELTA	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cert. TESOL	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
ICELT	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Teachers of English Courses (TEC)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

## Americas



# Academic Services



Reception at London Highgate

## Your First Day

When you arrive at St Giles you will go directly into our student orientation programme. This includes:

- A placement test
- An introduction to the learning resources and school facilities
- Information on the area and facilities around the school
- A welcome talk by the Principal or Director of Studies

Once you begin classes, you will have regular opportunities to influence the content of your course, both through day-to-day interaction and regular counselling sessions with your teacher.

## Levels

We have six main levels of English:

- Beginner
- Elementary
- Pre-intermediate
- Intermediate
- Upper Intermediate
- Advanced

The results of your placement tests will help us place you in the correct class for your level. Your level is regularly monitored and tested, and class changes can be made at 2-weekly intervals.

## Maximum Class Sizes

Our maximum class sizes are as follows:

- General English: 12
- Platinum Courses: 5 or one-to-one
- Academic Year Courses: 14
- Junior Residential Summer Camps: 15

## Minimum Ages

Our minimum ages are as follows:

- St Giles Brighton, London Central, London Highgate, San Francisco and Vancouver: 16 years
- St Giles Eastbourne: 14 years
- Junior Residential Summer Camps: 10 years (maximum 18 years)
- Platinum Courses: 21 years

## Counselling

Every two weeks you will meet privately with your teacher, to review your progress, and to discuss your objectives for the course ahead. This is your opportunity to influence your course content. We maintain a record of these counselling sessions, enabling us to chart your progress through the duration of your course.

## End of Course Certificates

At the end of your course, you will receive a certificate (subject to satisfactory attendance), providing you with a record of your achievement at St Giles. We offer a choice of two end-of-course certificates:

The **St Giles Certificate of Studies** is awarded to students who successfully complete any St Giles programme, and records your level of English (e.g. Upper Intermediate) at the end of the course.

The **St Giles Certificate in English** is awarded to students who pass a written and oral examination at one of our six levels.

# General English Courses



Classroom at London Central

## General English Courses

At St Giles, we understand that different students have different needs. The St Giles 'learner-centred' approach to teaching English enables our teachers to meet your individual needs. Courses cover practice in all four main skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening. However, you will find the focus of our General English programmes is on speaking and listening.

A typical General English programme includes:

- Developing and improving your spoken English, to make you a clearer and more confident speaker
- Developing your listening and comprehension skills
- Learning and reviewing the basic grammatical structures of the English language
- Everyday English – language that you can use in real-life situations, both spoken and written
- Reading practice and comprehension testing

For all General English courses you will use a text book, which forms the basis of your study. Text books are also supplemented by a variety of authentic materials.

## Minimum Course Lengths

The minimum course length for General English is 1 week. There is no upper limit, although if you plan to study with St Giles for 6 months or more, we would recommend our specially discounted **International Semester Courses**.

## Your Timetable

We offer a range of English programmes throughout the day. Each lesson lasts for 50 minutes, and most classes take place between the following times:

- **Full-day intensive**  
28 lessons per week: 09:00 – 15:30\*
- **Standard – mornings only**  
20 lessons per week: 09:00 – 13:00\*
- **Standard – afternoons only**  
20 lessons per week: 13:45 – 17:40\*
- **Afternoon economy programme**  
15 lessons per week: 13:45 – 16:45\*

*\*Class times are for guidance only and may vary by college. Please check our current Course Dates and Fees for exact times.*



Classroom at London Central

# Academic Year Courses



Your pathway to success

## International Semester Courses (ISC)

International Semester Courses are designed as an economical long-term English language course – ideal if you plan to study English for a minimum of 6 months.

International Semester Course students benefit from:

- A structured programme of long-term General English study, for 24 weeks or more
- Full-day intensive and half-day intensive options available at all centres
- Flexible monthly start dates throughout the year
- Holiday breaks of one week per 12 weeks of study (must be booked in advance)
- Preparation for examinations such as Cambridge and IELTS
- Special options such as English for Business, Tourism, or Art and Design
- Specially discounted tuition and accommodation rates
- Academic counselling and university placement service

## Multi-centre Courses

On the multi-centre course, ISC students can choose to study at different St Giles locations in the UK, USA and Canada. Students on 6-month courses can choose 2 different centres, and those on 9-month courses may choose 2 or 3 different centres. The minimum period for study at any centre is 12 weeks. Simply send your enrolment form to the college where you plan to start your studies with St Giles and we will do the rest!

## Accommodation Options

We offer a range of accommodation options (see the individual college pages). For stays of 24 weeks or more we can offer specially discounted rates in homestay accommodation, with breakfast and evening meals included in either single or twin rooms. If you do not want to reserve accommodation for your entire course, you can reserve any of our regular accommodation options for a minimum of one week.

Hollywood, California



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Vancouver



Covent Garden, London

## International Semester Course Planner

The table below provides a guide to possible course progression over 6 or 9 months. Choose 2 consecutive sessions for a 6-month course, or 3 consecutive sessions for a 9-month course.

	Sessions			
	January-March	April-June	July-September	October-December
<b>ISC</b> Half-day morning 20 lessons per week	General English	General English	General English	General English
	Or Examination English: FCE, IELTS or TOEFL*	Or Examination English: PET, FCE, CAE & CPE, IELTS or TOEFL*	Or Examination English: TOEFL and IELTS or FCE (London Central/ Brighton only)*	Or Examination English: PET, FCE, CAE & CPE IELTS or TOEFL*
<b>ISC</b> Half-day afternoon 20 lessons per week	General English	General English	General English	General English
<b>ISC</b> Full-day options: optional modules (afternoon classes) for 4-12 weeks	General English Studies English for Business English for Tourism Extra examination preparation Study skills for IELTS or TOEFL English for Art & Design		Optional afternoon modules are included in the tuition fees for full-day students, and are also available to morning students for an additional fee. Modules are available at various centres and times during the year. Check with the college of your choice for further details. * Please note that these modules are available subject to starting dates.	

## University Foundation Business Courses (UFBC)

Our University Foundation Business Courses (UFBC) available at St Giles Brighton and London Highgate are intended to prepare you for undergraduate degree entry at a British University. The programme is accredited by the Universities of Brighton, Chichester, Oxford Brookes and Sussex. These universities offer guaranteed places for our UFBC graduates on Business-related degrees upon achieving the necessary grades. The UFBC has a record of excellent results, with successful placements in a selection of some of the UK's leading universities. We offer:

- A choice of a standard programme of 36 weeks or fast-track programme of 24 weeks
- Pathways to a wide range of university degree courses
- Intensive language training with IELTS preparation
- Academic Study Skills including essay writing, presentation skills, critical analysis and thinking skills, and advanced comprehension skills.
- A range of Academic Modules including International Business, Marketing, Business Management, Business Economics, Finance and Accounting, and Business Law (optional)
- A programme of Business Studies lectures, delivered by experienced university tutors, with field visits and case studies

- Expert and regular academic counseling throughout the programme, including support with university application

Special Entrance Requirements apply. Please see our University Pathway Courses brochure for more details.

## ISC Pathway Programme

St Giles San Francisco offers you the opportunity to enter a range of US Colleges upon completion of your studies with us. Students at Advanced level can now transfer onto a two-year Associates Degree programme, leading to the third year of a full Bachelors Degree programme, with our network of partner colleges. Special Entrance Requirements apply. Please see our University Pathway Courses brochure.



Enjoy the benefits

# Examinations and Further Study

The best way to demonstrate your level of English is through an internationally recognised English Language qualification. We offer a range of English Language examinations for all

levels from Pre-Intermediate to Advanced, and preparation courses for the Cambridge Exams, IELTS, TOEFL and TOEIC take place throughout the year.

## English Language Examination and Preparation Courses

Examination	Level	Preparation courses offered at St Giles	When you can take this exam	Used for
<b>University of Cambridge</b>				
Preliminary English Test (PET)	Pre-Intermediate	Yes	March, June, November and December	The most well-known and widely accepted international EFL qualifications
First Certificate in English (FCE)	Upper Intermediate	Yes – morning or full-day courses of 6, 8, 9/10 or 12 weeks available	March, June, August (for London Central and Brighton only) and December	
Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)	Advanced	Yes – morning or full-day courses of 8 or 12 weeks available	March, June and December	
Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	Advanced plus	Yes – morning or full-day courses of 8 or 12 weeks available	June and December	
Business English Certificate (BEC)	Intermediate – Advanced	Yes	March, May, June and November	Cambridge business exams
<b>IELTS</b>				
International English Language Testing System	Upper Intermediate to Advanced	Yes	Available all year – check with Examinations Officer for availability	English language qualification for international students entering UK higher education
<b>TOEFL</b>				
Test of English as a Foreign Language	Upper Intermediate to Advanced	Yes	Available all year – check with Examinations Officer for availability	As above, but also for US higher education
<b>TOEIC</b>				
Test of English for International Communication	Upper Intermediate to Advanced	Yes	Available all year – check with Examinations Officer for availability	Business exam for international students/professionals

Please check with us before you enrol to see if the examination you wish to take is available during your course.

## University Placement Service (UPS)

Students who wish to study at a university in an English-speaking country can use the St Giles University Placement Service (UPS). The St Giles UPS offers the following services to all our students:

- Advice on studying at Foundation, Undergraduate, Pre-Masters and Postgraduate level in the UK and USA
- Advice on typical IELTS / TOEFL requirements for different programmes
- Advice on choosing suitable courses to complete your academic objective
- A full application service for higher education programmes in the UK and USA

# English plus Work Experience and English for Special Purposes

## English plus Work Experience

With increasing competition in job markets internationally, the ability to communicate effectively in English is more important than ever. The St Giles English plus Work Experience programme gives you the opportunity to practise and develop your English language skills in a business or commercial environment on an unpaid placement.

Work Experience programmes are carefully selected, according to your qualifications and work experience, in professional fields such as Marketing, Hotel and Catering, Tourism, Graphic Design, Finance, Fashion and Administration. Work Experience in other industries may be available on request.

The following criteria apply:

- Work Experience programmes are a minimum of 4 weeks, following a St Giles English course also of a minimum of 4 weeks
- Non-EEA students should follow the programme as a 'Sandwich' course with a minimum of 4 weeks study at St Giles before the work experience and a minimum of 2 weeks after the work experience
- Non-EEA students should complete a qualification during their studies at St Giles
- Students should be aged between 18 and 30
- Students should have at least intermediate level English
- Students should be from an EEA country or Switzerland, or be admitted to the UK on a full student visa
- Paid placements in tourism, hospitality, restaurants and retail available in Vancouver

## English for Special Purposes

We offer a range of full-day intensive programmes (28 lessons per week), which combine General English in the mornings with specialist English courses in the afternoons. Choose from one of the following areas:

### English for Beginners

This course is for students who have not studied English before, or those who want to start again from the very beginning. The course may also form part of a longer programme (e.g. International Semester Courses).

### Business

Designed for people who are, or plan to be, engaged in business. Courses last 2-12 weeks and cover areas such as commercial letter writing, business meetings, negotiations, telephone skills and interview techniques. Students on this course may opt to take the Cambridge Business English Certificate (BEC).



Communicate more effectively

## The CBEI Business English Course – St Giles Vancouver (only)

Offered as a full-day intensive business English course for 4-40 weeks. Components include: business writing skills, aural/oral skills for business and business concepts.

## Tourism

A 4-week course using a published course book written by former St Giles Principal, Dr Keith Harding. You will learn about key aspects of the tourism industry and the vocabulary used in travel services, hotels and hospitality.

## IELTS or TOEFL Preparation

A 4-week course designed for students preparing for IELTS or TOEFL exams. IELTS preparation also provides a good way of developing your English for use in an academic context – for example, essay writing, note-taking, oral and discussion skills.

## TOEIC Preparation

Evaluates the ability to communicate in English in an international working environment across all four language skills.

## Art & Design – St Giles Highgate/San Francisco

Study General English in the mornings and topics such as history of art, graphic and interior design, photography and fashion in the afternoons.

## Teachers of English Courses

A refresher course for teachers of English who are not native English speakers. TEC includes a review of current ELT practice and methodology, and language development at advanced level. Please request our Teacher Training brochure for full details.

# Special Vacation Courses



Outdoor study at London Highgate

## St Giles Experience Courses

This is your opportunity to combine an English language course with a structured programme of social and cultural activities which allow you to practise your English and get to know our countries. All activities are accompanied by either a teacher or guide. Entrance charges and guides are included in the price.

## California Experience – St Giles San Francisco

This is a 2- or 3-week programme with start dates throughout the year. In the first two weeks you have 20 lessons per week of General English in the mornings and a programme of activities and excursions in and around San Francisco in the afternoons.

The optional third week includes the California Delights tour that gives you the chance to explore this beautiful state and visit attractions and locations such as Yosemite National Park and Hollywood whilst practising your English with your new friends!

## Canadian Experience – St Giles Vancouver

This 2-week programme combines 20 lessons per week of General English in the mornings, and activities and tours in Vancouver and the surrounding areas in the

afternoons. Your afternoons may include a ride on the Grouse Mountain Gondola, a visit to the world-famous Stanley Park, or a Vancouver city tour.

## London Experience – St Giles London Highgate

This summer programme is a 2-, 3- or 4-week option, and is a combination of a range of London based activities and excursions in the mornings, and either 15 or 20 lessons of General English in the afternoons. Activities may include a sightseeing tour of London, riverboat cruises, a walk through Royal London to see the Changing of the Guard or a visit to the National Gallery. Start dates every week from mid-June to August.

## St Giles Eastbourne – Thirty-Plus

This summer course (June – August) is for students aged 30 and over and includes 20 lessons a week of General English in morning classes (maximum 10 students). Also included in the course is one full-day excursion for each weekend spent in Eastbourne to destinations such as London, Cambridge and Bath and Stonehenge.

*Please note – actual starting dates may vary. Please refer to our Course Dates and Fees or any St Giles office for specific course dates.*

Outdoor activities in Yosemite, California



# Junior Summer Camps

## Junior Summer Camps

St Giles International Junior Summer Camps offer students aged 10-18 from all over the world the opportunity to improve their English language skills whilst enjoying a varied activity programme in five exciting locations.

Studying with friends



Playing basketball in the sports centre



Reading University Campus

## Language Programmes

The specially designed programme includes 20 lessons per week in international classes of up to 15 students. Each lesson lasts for 50 minutes and there are six levels of study available, from beginner to advanced.

### The programme also includes:

- Residential accommodation
- All meals
- 1 full-day excursion per week
- 1 half-day excursion per week
- Afternoon and evening activity programme\*
- Return airport transfers\*
- Close supervision and 24-hour emergency telephone number
- Student bag
- Placement test
- Course book
- Leaving certificate

*\*See Junior Summer Camps Brochure for details*

## Our Locations

### Canterbury (Ages 8-17)

- Set in the grounds of world-famous Canterbury Cathedral
- A safe, secure campus ideal for younger learners
- World class sporting and educational facilities

### Kingston, London (Ages 14-18)

- Just 25 minutes journey from all central London's exciting attractions
- Very close to London's major airports
- A wide range of shops, restaurants and entertainment facilities

### Nottingham (Ages 10-17)

- Home of legendary Robin Hood and one of the largest shopping centres in the UK
- Located on the beautiful green campus of the prestigious University of Nottingham and surrounded by parkland

### Oxford (Ages 14-18)

- High quality single en-suite rooms
- Within walking distance of the heart of Oxford
- Set in beautiful parkland, with modern teaching and leisure facilities
- The classical Oxford Experience

### Southampton (Ages 12-17)

- Home to the Titanic and the exciting Leisure World entertainment complex – ten-pin bowling, cinemas and theatres
- Southampton Solent University located in the heart of the city – easy walking access to Southampton's many attractions

### San Francisco Bay Area (Ages 12-17)

- Situated in the East Bay area known as the "Heart of the Bay" (approximately 40 kilometres south east of central San Francisco), among some of the most beautiful scenery in the USA
- Cal State East Bay University is a beautiful self-contained campus on a hill overlooking the East Bay, which offers a wide choice of sporting facilities – swimming pool, athletics track, football field, a gym, tennis and basketball courts

## Sample Daily Programme

07.30	Wake-up
08.00	Breakfast
09.00	Lesson 1 - course book activities
09.50	Lesson 2 - speaking and listening practice
10.40	Morning break
11.10	Lesson 3 - skills work and functional English
12.10	Lesson 4 - project work
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Afternoon activities e.g. visit to local museum or playing sport
17.30	Break
18.00	Dinner
19.00	Evening activities e.g. student disco or ten-pin bowling
22.30	Back to residence
00.00	Quiet time
00.30	Lights Out

*\*Times subject to variation*

# Platinum Courses

## Platinum Locations

St Giles Platinum Courses for professional and general English are offered at our centres in Brighton, London Central, San Francisco and Vancouver.

Platinum English Lessons take place in our luxurious and dedicated Platinum Centres within the schools, with individually designed and furnished tutorial rooms. Platinum clients have free email and internet access, Wi-Fi, daily newspapers and complimentary light refreshments.

## Platinum Courses

Platinum Courses are tailor-made to meet each client's requirements and are designed for business people, professionals and mature adults. Courses are available at a variety of levels and courses are offered for a minimum of 1 week, with weekly start dates every Monday throughout the year (excepting public holidays).

There are three main Platinum English programmes:

### Platinum Group

Maximum 5 per group (Elementary and above)  
A choice of 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 lessons per week

### Platinum Plus

Platinum English classes as above plus one private lesson per day (5 per week) for accelerated progress. Clients may add additional private lessons to the Platinum Plus course if they wish.

### Platinum One-to-One

A choice of 15, 20, 25, 30 or 35 one-to-one lessons per week at all levels

The range of Platinum Courses for Professionals includes law, finance, medicine, military, journalism, administration, aviation and English for the oil industry. All Platinum Courses are tailor-made, so we are also able to design a syllabus and timetable to accommodate any other specific requirement.

Weekend courses and 'before and after course' telephone lessons are also available on request, as well as in-company and training options.



Platinum Lounge at Brighton

## Social Programme

For Platinum clients, we offer additional activities such as work-related visits to, for example, the Old Bailey, Lloyd's of London or the Bank of England Museum. In San Francisco, Platinum clients have the opportunity to attend Visitor Convention Business Exchanges. Please visit our website for details of all activities currently available.

## Platinum Teachers

Platinum teachers are experienced and well-qualified, and frequently combine teaching expertise with experience in commercial or management positions.

## Platinum Clients

We welcome Platinum clients from all over the world and from different professional backgrounds including managers, bankers, politicians, lawyers, doctors, footballers and research scientists.

Some of our existing corporate clients include:

Accenture	Hitachi
American Express	IBM
Argentine Parliament	KPMG
Avon Cosmetics Portugal	Johnson & Johnson
Bank of Japan	JP Morgan
Biochem GmbH Germany	Kimberley Clark
Bosch	Lan Chile
Carrefour	L'Oréal Cosmetics France
Chrysler	Mars
Citibank	Microsoft
Colgate - Palmolive	Miele
Danone	National Bank of Greece
Ernst & Young	Pfizer
Esso	Philips
Finnish Parliament	Siemens
Football Association of Serbia	Total
France Telecom	Volkswagen
Hewlett Packard	

# Teacher Training

## Teacher Training Courses

St Giles was one of the first organisations to offer training for English language teachers in the UK. The Cambridge Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA) was first introduced in the USA by St Giles San Francisco.

We offer a wide range of courses for new and practising teachers:

- Initial training for teachers – the internationally recognised Cambridge CELTA and Trinity Cert. TESOL
- Courses for overseas teachers – St Giles TEC, Cambridge TKT and ICELT
- Tailor-made training programmes on request

Our Teacher Trainers are highly skilled and experienced, and are practising teachers. St Giles Teacher Training programmes are offered in Brighton, Eastbourne, London Central and London Highgate in the UK, San Francisco in the USA and São Paulo in Brazil. All our centres offer excellent study locations, and the latest in ELT resources and facilities.

## The St Giles Educational Trust

ELT Library at London Central



Courses involve real teaching practice



Courses that are interactive

The St Giles Educational Trust, a registered charity, was established in 1970 to raise standards in the English Language Teaching (ELT) profession through its Teacher Training and language research programmes.

In addition to our Teacher Training programmes, the Trust oversees the running of the Central London ELT Library, a multi-media resource centre and library open to all members of the ELT profession, including our trainees.

"Learning is more important than teaching, as every good teacher knows. Our teachers are therefore trained in learner-centred teaching techniques."



Paul Lindsay, Chief Executive, The St Giles Educational Trust

Paul Lindsay, the founder of St Giles, continues to take a special interest in the training of English language teachers, and directs the Teacher Training courses at our colleges in London, Brighton, Eastbourne and San Francisco. He is also the author of Teaching English Worldwide.

# Accommodation, Welfare and other services



Student welfare is important to us

## Accommodation

Every St Giles Centre has an Accommodation and Welfare Officer, who will be pleased to arrange your accommodation. We offer three main types of accommodation option:

**Homestay –**  
where you live with an English-speaking host  
We recommend homestay if:

- You want to practise your English and learn about the British, American or Canadian way of life
- You want to be in a homely environment
- You are looking for an economical accommodation option

All our homestays are carefully selected and monitored, to ensure you will be comfortable and happy. We do not place students with the same mother tongue in the same homestay.

We can arrange single or twin rooms, with breakfast only, or breakfast and dinner. We also have a limited number

of Independent Homestays – where you have a room only, and prepare your meals using the host's kitchen. All bed linen and towels are provided by your host family.

For Platinum clients, we can offer a superior standard of homestay including access to the internet, a TV in the room, with a host family from a professional background. Clients may also choose to have access to a private bathroom for a supplement.

## Residence Halls

We have a wide choice of residence halls available, including our own student residence in the St Giles London Central school building.

We recommend a residence hall if:

- You want a more independent lifestyle during your studies with St Giles
- You want to meet other international students during your stay
- You want to live close to the college

## Hotels and Guest Houses

- Different grades of hotel are available to our students
- Guest Houses are small, often family-run hotels, which offer excellent value for money
- Most hotels and guest houses are offered to our students at specially discounted rates

## Travel Times

Average travel times from the college to your accommodation will vary. The check-list below is intended as an approximate guide only.

	Homestay	Residence Hall/Hotel
Brighton	15-30 mins	5-15 mins
Eastbourne	15-30 mins	10-20 mins
London Central	45-60 mins	2-20 mins
London Highgate	15-30 mins	10-20 mins
San Francisco	30-45 mins	10-20 mins
Vancouver	30-40 mins	5-15 mins



Study bedroom in residence



Single study bedroom in St Giles London Central residence

## Airport Transfer Service

We can arrange a private taxi transfer from local airports to your accommodation. Simply request this additional service when making your reservation.

## Welfare

Our Accommodation and Welfare Officers are available to help you with any problems you may experience while studying at St Giles. They can assist with doctors, dental or other specialist medical appointments. All colleges offer a 24-hour emergency telephone number, providing help and assistance outside normal college hours.



Enjoying new found friendships

## Social Programmes

We offer a varied and exciting social programme for everyone – from sport and music to shopping and cultural excursions – and ensure that all our students make the most of their time with St Giles International. Typical UK excursions include visits to London's West End, Stonehenge, Loch Ness, Leeds Castle, and weekend excursions to Brussels, Dublin or Amsterdam, among many more. St Giles Vancouver, with its location in the heart of the downtown area, offers city tours, shopping expeditions to Robson Street, beach picnics, sport in Stanley Park and weekend excursions to Whistler, Banff or Seattle.

St Giles San Francisco offers scenic cruises of the Bay Area, visits to Alcatraz, trips to the world famous Napa Valley as well as weekend excursions to Los Angeles, Yosemite, Lake Tahoe and even Hawaii.

All our schools also offer a busy weekday programme of activities including film evenings, sports, international food nights, parties, and games evenings. This gives you the opportunity to make friends from all over the world and practice your English.

## Passports and Visas

We can provide letters and certificates of acceptance to assist with visa applications where required. Our San Francisco centre is authorised under Federal law to enrol non-immigrant international students.

## Personal Insurance

We strongly advise you to take out a comprehensive insurance package before you leave home. This should cover loss of and/or damage to your personal belongings, medical expenses in the event that you are ill, and tuition fees in the event of an unexpected cancellation or curtailment of your course. St Giles can offer you a very competitive insurance package, which can be booked at the same time as your course.

# St Giles Brighton



Brighton seafront

## Location

Between the sea and the South Downs countryside, Brighton is an exciting city on the south coast of England, nicknamed 'London by the sea'. With two universities it is an excellent place to study, and attracts a large number of British and overseas students.

St Giles Brighton is located in the very centre of the city beside its most famous building – the Royal Pavilion built for King George IV (1762-1830). Our students benefit from being right at the heart of this vibrant and fashionable city just minutes from:

- The recently refurbished Brighton Museum
- Brighton art gallery
- Theatres and cinemas
- Large swimming pool
- New library with the latest facilities
- Shops and restaurants in the famous 'Lanes'
- Clubs and pubs



St Giles Brighton

## Facilities

St Giles Brighton is a large school occupying 3 beautiful connected buildings combining the attractions of traditional architecture on the exterior with an attractive contemporary interior.

As well as over 32 General English classrooms, a dedicated Platinum Centre and Teacher Training Centre, the school's facilities include:

- Large open reception area
- Bookshop
- Comfortable Private Study Centre with a range of reference and reading material
- Digital Language Laboratory
- Computer centre
- Interactive whiteboard facilities, film projectors and DVD players
- Internet café with free access to e-mail and the internet
- Laptop connections with free Internet access
- Wi-Fi connection throughout the building
- School café

## Social Programme

Every week we offer both social activities and excursions for you to enjoy with your new friends from all over the world.

Typical events offered:

- Film nights at the school
- Meet new students at a nearby pub
- Tenpin bowling
- Football
- Tennis (April-October)
- Day Trips to London
- Regular coach excursions to places such as Canterbury, the Isle of Wight, Oxford and Cambridge
- Economy weekend trips to Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Amsterdam and Paris

## Accommodation

Your stay in Brighton will be made even better by making the right choice of accommodation.

Our most popular type of accommodation is homestay, but we offer a number of options:

### Homestay –

a selected host will make your stay in Brighton comfortable by welcoming you into their home

### Phoenix Residence –

self-catering en suite residential accommodation five minutes' walk from the school (July and August)

### Guest Houses –

budget bed and breakfast option

### Hotels –

a range of hotels from 3 star to 5 star depending on your needs



Student



Platinum Centre at Brighton



Private study centre at Brighton



Main reception at Brighton

## Courses available in Brighton

- General English (15, 20, 28 lessons per week)
- One-to-One General English
- International Semester Courses
- University Foundation Business Course
- Cambridge Examinations
- IELTS & TOEFL Preparation
- Platinum Courses
- English for Business or Tourism
- English plus Work Experience Course
- Teachers of English Course

# St Giles Eastbourne



Eastbourne seafront

## Location

Situated 10 minutes from the centre of Eastbourne and 100 metres from the attractive seafront, St Giles Eastbourne is the perfect place to study and to relax.

Eastbourne, with a population of 90,000, is a popular coastal resort, and is reported to be the sunniest town in England. It is a beautiful, safe and peaceful location, at the foot of the South Downs, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is only 90 minutes by train from central London, and 50 minutes from Gatwick Airport. Eastbourne has a wide range of shopping, sporting and entertainment facilities

Eastbourne's International Tennis Tournament is held in June every year and is the premier 'pre-Wimbledon' ladies' competition, attracting some of the world's best players.



Heated swimming pool at Eastbourne

## Facilities

The school is housed in an elegant building in spacious grounds, with a terrace and heated swimming pool. The fine garden was winner of the Gold Medal at Eastbourne in Bloom 2006, 2007 and 2008.

The average weekly population of the school is approximately 140 students, with a maximum of around 250 in the summer months. In 2008 we welcomed students from nearly 50 different countries, helping to create a lively, international atmosphere.

The college offers a wide range of courses at very competitive prices, for both students and teachers, and is an authorised examination centre for TOEIC, and Cambridge KET, PET, FCE and CAE.

Our facilities include:

- 16 General English classrooms
- The age range at St Giles Eastbourne is from 14 years upwards. Students aged 14 and 15 are supervised during class time at school, and there are guidelines for our staff and our homestay providers to follow.
- Library for quiet study
- Video/DVD viewing room
- Digital Language laboratory
- Computer room, with free e-mail and internet access
- Wi-Fi connection throughout the building
- Interactive whiteboard facilities and film projectors
- School café, opening onto the terrace, garden and swimming pool



Multi-media centre at Eastbourne



Students' café at Eastbourne

## Social Programme

We have a full social and excursion programme, offering day trips and full weekend trips (to places such as London, Cambridge, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, Paris, Amsterdam, Bruges) and evening activities such as international food evenings, quiz nights, theatre trips, film nights and pub evenings.

Participating in the school social programme gives you the opportunity to meet other students from all over the world, to practise your English with them, and to make life-long friends.



St Giles Eastbourne

## Accommodation

At St Giles Eastbourne there are four main types of accommodation to choose from, all within walking distance from the school:

### Homestay –

Good quality families carefully selected to host international students

### Welkin Residence Hall –

Newly built hall of residence on the Eastbourne campus of the University of Brighton. Available 7-26 July and 2 August - 13 September only.

### Guest Houses –

Bed and breakfast or half board

### Hotels –

A range of hotels from 3 to 5 stars depending on your needs

### Courses available in Eastbourne

- |   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| • General English (15, 20, 28 lessons per week) | • TOEIC Preparation               |
| • One-to-One General English                    | • English for Business or Tourism |
| • International Semester Courses                | • English plus Work Experience    |
| • Cambridge Examinations                        | • Thirty-Plus Course              |
| • IELTS preparation                             | • Teachers of English Course      |

# St Giles London Central



The Houses of Parliament, London

## Location

Situated in the heart of London, St Giles London Central is the perfect choice if you want to combine your studies with the excitement of the city.

Students at St Giles London Central can easily walk from the school to many of London's famous attractions including:

- Piccadilly Circus
- Oxford Street
- Covent Garden
- Leicester Square
- British Museum



Roof garden at London Central

## Facilities

London Central is the largest school in the St Giles group, with an average of 300 – 400 students throughout the year and a maximum of around 550 in the summer.

The school is housed in a large, modernised 100-year-old building with an original exterior appearance.

Our facilities include:

- 28 General English classrooms
- Dedicated Platinum Centre for our "business class" clients
- Student cafeteria with free internet café
- Attractive roof garden
- Wi-Fi throughout the building
- Self-access centre with a range of learning resources and DVD/personal players
- Computer classroom
- Language laboratory
- Interactive whiteboard facilities
- Library and bookshop
- Film projectors

## Social Programme

We offer a wide range of activities and excursions to help you make the most of your time in London and the UK. You will have the opportunity to meet other students from all over the world – and practise your English with them.

Regular events include:

- Trips to the theatre or to a musical
- Film nights at the college
- Weekly pub crawl
- Riverboat disco on the Thames
- Day trips to Oxford, Cambridge, Stratford-upon-Avon
- Weekend trips to Scotland, Wales, the Lake District, Paris and Amsterdam

St Giles London Central



Study bedroom in residence hall at London Central



Multi-media centre at London Central

## Accommodation

At St Giles London Central, there are four main types of accommodation to choose from:

**Homestay –**  
you will be welcomed into a London home

**On-site residence –**  
this unique facility is perfect if you want to live and study in the same building, right in the heart of London

**Year-round and Summer residences –**  
en suite university accommodation within walking distance of the school

**Hotels –**  
from budget to deluxe at discounted rates

### Courses available in London Central

- General English (15, 20, 28 lessons per week)
- International Semester Courses
- Cambridge Examinations
- IELTS & TOEFL Preparation
- Platinum Courses
- English for Business
- English plus Work Experience
- Teachers of English Course

# St Giles London Highgate



Outdoor studies at London Highgate

## Location

Situated among the attractive villages of north London and only minutes from the underground station, St Giles London Highgate provides a comfortable and relaxing learning and living environment only 25 minutes from the centre of London.

Students at London Highgate can enjoy:

- Lively village life in the shops, restaurants and bars of Highgate, Muswell Hill, and Crouch End
- Good local facilities such as cinemas, parks, swimming pools, and tennis courts
- Homestay and Residence accommodation near to the college



Alexandra Palace, North London

Image supplied courtesy of Alexandra Palace

## Facilities

St Giles London Highgate is housed in a grand 100-year-old building with a large garden. Inside there is a balance between the attractive features of an Edwardian house and the modern facilities of a language school and training centre.

We have:

- 23 classrooms
- A dedicated teacher training centre
- A café and conservatory with free internet access
- An elegant library for private study
- A computer classroom with internet access and a DVD library
- A digital language laboratory for listening and speaking practice
- Interactive whiteboard facilities
- Film projectors
- Wi-Fi throughout the building
- A wide range of learning and teaching resources
- A beautiful English-style garden used for barbecues, garden parties, and lessons in the summer

## Social Programme

We offer a wide range of activities and excursions to help you make the most of your time. The social programme provides an opportunity to meet people from all over the world, to practise your English, and experience the culture of London and the UK.

Regular events include:

- Trips to the theatre for plays, concerts and musicals
- Film nights at the college
- Salsa dancing classes
- Cookery demonstrations
- Riverboat parties on the Thames
- Day trips to Oxford, Cambridge, Stratford-upon-Avon and Bath
- Weekend trips to Scotland, Wales, the Lake District, Paris and Amsterdam



Conservatory at London Highgate



Interactive whiteboard lesson

## Accommodation

At St Giles London Highgate there are various types of accommodation to choose from:

### Homestay –

where you will be welcomed into a London home, usually within 30 minutes' travel time of the college. There are three meal-plan options: breakfast and dinner every day, breakfast only, and self-catering

### Year-round international residences –

Chester House in Muswell Hill, approximately 20 minutes from the college and offering breakfast and dinner every day, plus lunch at weekends (for 18-25 year olds only)

Somerset Court in Central London is also available offering self-catering facilities and single en-suite rooms

### Hotels in the local area –

a selection of Guest Houses and Hotels are available to suit all budgets. Please refer to our Course Dates and Fees brochure.

St Giles London Highgate



### Courses available in London Highgate

- |   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| • General English (15, 20, 28 lessons per week) | • IELTS Preparation               |
| • One-to-One General English                    | • English for Art and Design      |
| • International Semester Courses                | • English for Business or Tourism |
| • University Foundation Business Course         | • London Experience               |
| • Cambridge Examinations                        | • English plus Work Experience    |
|   | • Teachers of English Course      |

# St Giles San Francisco



Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco

## Location

Located in the heart of downtown San Francisco close to Union Square, St Giles San Francisco is the perfect choice for learning English in one of the most exciting and beautiful cities in the USA.

Students at St Giles San Francisco can enjoy the city's famous attractions including:

- Union Square with famous shops such as Macy's, Bloomingdales and Saks
- Golden Gate Bridge
- Twin Peaks
- Haight-Ashbury
- Alcatraz
- Yerba Buena Park/Museum of Modern Art
- North Beach/Chinatown
- Pier 39

## Facilities

St Giles San Francisco has a friendly, intimate atmosphere with an average of 110 students throughout the year and a maximum of around 200 in the summer.

A modern and spacious school where we offer the most up-to-date facilities in a beautiful 100-year-old building. These include:

- 28 spacious General English classrooms
- Dedicated Platinum Centre for our "business class" clients
- Student café with free internet café and SKYPE
- Wi-Fi throughout the common areas
- Learning Zone with range of self-access resources, DVD players and a digital language laboratory
- Computer classroom with SKYPE
- Interactive whiteboard facilities
- Film projectors
- Library and bookshop

## Social Programme

We offer a wide range of activities and excursions to help you make the most of your time in San Francisco and California. You will have the opportunity to meet other students from all over the world and practise your English with them and with your teachers.

Regular events include:

- Trips to the theatre or to a musical
- Film nights at the college
- San Francisco Bay Cruise
- Day trips to Alcatraz, Muir Woods, Sausalito and Napa Valley
- Weekend trips to Los Angeles, Yosemite, Monterrey and Lake Tahoe

## Accommodation

At St Giles San Francisco, there are four main types of accommodation to choose from:

### Homestay –

you will be welcomed into a San Francisco home

### Residence Clubs –

live and study downtown, right in the heart of San Francisco in 'student hotels'

### Hotels –

from budget to deluxe at discounted rates

### Junior Summer Camp –

shared dormitory rooms, café and classrooms on Cal State University campus (July and August only)



St Giles San Francisco



Students' café at San Francisco

Multi-media self-access centre at San Francisco



## Courses available in San Francisco

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| • General English (20, 22, 28 lessons per week) | • TOEIC Preparation            |
| • One-to-One General English                    | • Platinum Courses             |
| • International Semester Courses                | • English for Business         |
| • ISC Pathway Programme                         | • Teachers of English Course   |
| • Cambridge Examinations                        | • California Experience        |
| • IELTS & TOEFL Preparation                     | • English Plus Work Experience |

# St Giles Vancouver



Granville Island Marina, Vancouver

Established in 1991 as the Canadian Business English Institute (CBEI), the school was acquired by St Giles International in late 2006. It has since undergone major refurbishment and reorganisation, and now offers courses and facilities matching those of other Centres in the St Giles International group.

## Location

Studying English at St Giles Vancouver is a very rewarding experience. Vancouver is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is safe, comfortable, and very cosmopolitan. It has been voted by the United Nations as one of the "most liveable cities" in the world.

St Giles Vancouver is located in downtown Vancouver, close to the boutiques and restaurants on Robson Street, Pacific Centre Mall, the Vancouver Art Gallery, Stanley Park and other Vancouver attractions.

Our climate is mild both in summer (25 to 28°C.) and in winter (3 to 10°C.).

## Facilities

The Vancouver school is located in a smart and modern office building close to all public transportation.

Our facilities include:

- 10 spacious and bright classrooms
- Dedicated Platinum Centre for our "business class" clients
- Student café with free internet
- Wi-Fi throughout the school
- Self-access centre with range of learning resources and DVD/personal players
- Computer classroom
- Interactive whiteboard facilities
- Projectors and other audiovisual equipment

## Social Programme

In Vancouver, there is always something interesting to do: sports, festivals, sightseeing, theatres and museums. The city has both mountains and beaches! The school organises regular activities so that the students can experience Vancouver with their new friends.

Regular events include:

- Sports such as ice skating, bowling or mini golf
- Film nights at the school
- Regular "TGIF" at a pub
- Hockey, football and baseball games
- Day trips to Whistler ski resort, Victoria, Seattle
- Weekend trips to Banff in the Rocky Mountains



Classroom at Vancouver

## Accommodation

At St Giles Vancouver, there are four main types of accommodation to choose from:

**Homestay** – you will be welcomed into a Canadian home

**Furnished apartments** – comfortable accommodation for more independent clients in the downtown area

**Residences** – in downtown, walking distance from the school

**Summer residence** – University of British Columbia campus residence (May to August only)

St Giles Vancouver



Platinum Centre at Vancouver

## Courses available in Vancouver

- General English (20, 28 lessons per week)
- One-to-One General English
- International Semester Courses
- Cambridge Examinations
- IELTS & TOEFL Preparation
- TOEIC Preparation
- Platinum Courses
- CBEI Business English Course
- English for Business
- Work Experience
- Canadian Experience

# St Giles Campinas



St Giles São Paulo

St Giles Campinas

St Giles teaching centre in Brazil provides local students with the opportunity to enjoy the St Giles experience in their home country. St Giles Brazil is a partnership between St Giles International and the specialist language agency Central de Intercambio, and our school combines the teaching expertise of St Giles with Central de Intercambio's understanding of the needs of the Brazilian English language training market.

Our courses are aimed at anyone who requires English, from young children just starting their studies in English to busy professionals or advanced level students.

Portuguese as a Foreign Language is also offered at a wide range of levels to adult tourists or business people spending some time in Brazil who need to improve their knowledge of the language.

## Location and Facilities

### St Giles Campinas

St Giles Campinas is in the exciting and cultural university city of Campinas, 100km north-west of São Paulo, and is located in a modern area inside Galleria Shopping next to the well known business centre, Galleria Offices.

Our facilities include:

- 7 spacious classrooms
- A modern self-access centre including audio lab
- A special classroom for children
- 24-hour security and parking facilities at Galleria Shopping

- A comfortable conference room
- A wide range of bars, restaurants and eating places in the shopping mall

### Social Programme

We offer a wide range of activities and excursions to help you make the most of your language-learning experience in Brazil. Regular events include special dates celebrating St Patrick's Day, Halloween and others; film nights at the college; and meetings and quiz nights at local pubs.

### Accommodation

At St Giles Brazil, most of the students live close to the school, but we can offer the following options to students who need our help in arranging their accommodation:

#### Nearby student residences

Homestay accommodation – the students will be welcomed into a friendly family

Hotels – from budget to deluxe at discounted rates

### Contact St Giles Campinas

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